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Greetings Redistricting Group -

I greatly appreciate the efforts and energy of the group on this effort, as it is quite the undertaking. To date, I've mostly viewed the maps and have not had much to comment on. However, in reviewing the March 15th Operations Committee Draft Proposed Ward Map, I have the following comments:

- (1) I am concerned about the odd shape of Ward 10, with Whittier being included as well as East Harriet but not Lyndale or East Isles. There is a significant geographic difference and the housing and business building-types are so different. I would propose either including East Isles and eliminating East Harriet, or dropping Whittier and including Lyndale and/or East Isles. I would be okay with Lowry Hill East, Whittier, ECCO, CARAG, and Lyndale all as one ward.
- (2) Ward 8 also is concerning as it includes areas that are somewhat isolated from one another, such as Lyndale and Northrop.
- (3) While I enjoy living in Ward 13, I could see Kenny being a part of Ward 11 since there is some orientation in Kenny towards Lyndale Avenue. This addition could allow some trades to occur with 8 (with 8 to take Field and allow for Lyndale to go back to 10).
- (4) I support the idea of having Downtown West split into two wards.
- (5) If Ward 10 takes back East Isles, then perhaps Ward 7 (if needed) could take on West Calhoun. Much of the population of West Calhoun likes along Excelsior Boulevard, which is also heavily connected with Cedar Isles Dean.

Thanks for your consideration.

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